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25X1 1. The cost of living is steadily going up in all Rumania and is more marked in Constanta. Foodstuffs are very scarce and harder to find even on the "free-market". Basic foodstuffs off ration cards are only given to workmen and some classes of functionaries and then in insufficient quantities. Prevailing prices on 1 September 1949: meat, 140 Lei per kilogram; bread, 60 Lei per 500 grams loaf; corn flour, 60 Lei per kilogram; wheat flour, 100 Lei per kilogram; vegetal oil (unrefined), 300 Lei per liter; cheese (white), 200 Lei per kilogram (practically off the market).

25X1 2. Government shops were limited at first to groceries and general foodstuffs, but have now branched out into every department of trade, such as clothing, shoes, restaurants, wine shops, candy shops, furniture and hardware. There are more than 20 of these government shops in Constanta. Prevailing prices are at least as high as in the few remaining private shops.

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The present Police Commissioner of Constanta is Corciani.

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